**FLESFEST 2015-Alverno College Credit Option**

**Course Name:** 90%+: Engaging Students in Language Use in the Elementary World Language Classroom

**Dates:** February 28-April 15, 2015

**Credit: 1**

**Course Description:** Participants in this course will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills of student engagement in world language classes for younger/beginning learners. Participants will attend a one day workshop where they will gain knowledge of strategies for keeping students in the target language by exploring the use of the ACTFL “Can-do” statements, active learning techniques, effective differentiation through station activities and thematic planning from the big picture to daily interactions with students. At the end of this course, participants will be able to synthesize what they have learned through self-reflection and plan accordingly for integration and implementation of these strategies into their own unit plan as well as daily lesson plans.

**Course Outcomes**

Participants will:

1. Expand their current teaching strategies to include active, learning techniques to maximize student language use and engagement in early/beginning language learning classes.
2. Incorporate meaningful connections into their existing practice through topics explored on the subject of maximizing student language use and engagement through FLESFEST conference sessions attended.
3. Self-assess through professional reflections on how to increase the use of the target language in the classroom through a variety of engaging activities as well as planning meaningful and engaging units and lessons, creating differentiated learning experiences in the classroom including the use of storytelling and the ACTFL “Can Do” statements.
4. Develop strategies to incorporate student engagement activities into their own personal unit design, including integration into standards-based daily lesson activities as well as performance assessments tasks.

**Credit Option Requirements:**

* Attend FLESFEST 2015 1 day workshop at Alverno College (February 28, 2015): 8:00AM-3:30PM
* Read 3 Articles (minimum) provided that relate to the topics presented during FLESFEST 2015
* Write a Reflection Paper (4-5 pages maximum), synthesizing articles as well as sessions attended at FLESFEST 2015, including ideas for future implementation into class units and/or lesson plans
* Complete Template of Integrated and Standards-Based lesson as part of a unit, which is developed as a new unit or an enhanced unit incorporating items learned at FLESFEST 2015.

All course materials can be found at: [www.flesfestcredit.wikispaces.com](http://www.flesfestcredit.wikispaces.com)

**Deadline for Submission of Materials: April 15, 2015 (11:59PM)**

Please submit all materials in one folder electronically to Lynn Sessler Neitzel @[lmneitzel@gmail.com](mailto:lmneitzel@gmail.com)